

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on January 21, 2011, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with chairman and secretary present.

Board chairman, Leisa Askew, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District III member Leisa Askew - Board Chair

District IV member Paula Johnson - Board Vice Chair

District VI member Mandy Andrews- Board Secretary

District I member Sharon Argiro

District II member William Wright

District VII member James Ware

Executive Director Brenda Holden was present. Assistant Attorney General Ellen Leonard joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from December 3, 2010 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Paula Johnson made a motion to approve minutes as they stand. James Ware seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

A motion was made to amend the October 29, 2010 meetings to document that the Executive Session called 10:33 a.m. ended at approximately 10:50 a.m. Sharon Argiro made the motion to amend the minutes. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Board Business:

- a. Ms. Brenda Holden reported that since the last Board meeting there are two open complaint cases, two cases resolved, one complaint pending with a hearing to be scheduled, and one case pending closure. A licensee who was disciplined by a suspension with fine has not paid the fine. The suspension will continue pending payment of the fine. The website will continue to show that the licensee is suspended until the fine is paid in full.
- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees. James Ware made a motion to accept the list of new social work

licensees. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Board Business:

- a. Ms. Brenda Holden announced that she spoke at Alabama State University regarding licensure issues. Ms. Mandy Andrews has been invited to speak at the University of Alabama, School of Social Work Honors Day on April 8, 2011. The Board is registered to exhibit at the Alabama Conference of Social Work in February. Ms. Holden will attend and work the Board's exhibit. Ms. Leisa Askew announced the AGS Conference set for March 30-April 1 in Birmingham. Dr. Patch Adams will be the keynote speaker.
- b. Ms. Karrie Lenox requested that the Board approve her supervision in order to sit for the LCSW examination. The Board determined that Ms. Lenox did not meet the necessary qualifications to sit for the LCSW examination based on Section 34-30-22, 3(c)(2) of the Code of Alabama. William Wright made a motion to deny Ms. Lenox' request. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. Ms. Sonya Wormley appeared before the Board to request reinstatement of her expired LGSW. Sharon Argiro made a motion that Ms. Wormley's license be reinstated due to extenuating circumstances pending documentation of one (1) additional CE dated between October 1, 2008 and September 30, 2010. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Sharon Argiro, Paula Johnson, Leisa Askew, William Wright, Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. James Ware abstained from the vote.

PIP Applications:

- a. Ashley E. Adams was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- b. Ofelia G. Gordon was approved for Clinical Social Work.
- c. Michele M. Lee was approved for Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Community Organization, Social Work Research, and Social Work Administration.
- d. Belinda Hartsell was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- e. Shanna Thomas was approved for Social Work Administration, Clinical Social Work, and Community Organization.

Other Request:

- a. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from INR for approval of CE programs. The following programs were approved: Psychotherapy, Social Anxiety, Understanding Anxiety, Understanding Emotions. The

- following programs were denied: Appetite Control and Suppression, Healing Power of Sleep, The Hungry Brain, and Women's Health.
- b. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Ms. Francine Anderson Welsh for a CE waiver of 7.5 hours. Ms. Welsh had taken 3 non-approved INR programs. Paula Johnson made a motion to approve a one-time waiver for Ms. Welsh. Sharon Argiro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - c. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Ms. Ann Floyd request for a CE waiver due to taking too many self-study programs. Ms. Floyd was 7 CE short of the 10 necessary classroom hours. Sharon Argiro made a motion to approve a one-time waiver for Ms. Floyd. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: William Wright, Sharon Argiro, Paula Johnson, Leisa Askew, James Ware. Opposing the motion: none. Mandy Andrews abstained from the vote.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2011 at 9:30 AM in the Board Conference Room. James Ware made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Leisa Askew

Mandy Andrews